

# 571.202 Restrictions.

(a) The CSO procedure shall only be used when procuring innovative commercial items, including products, technologies, and services.

(b) Any contract using this authority must not exceed \$10,000,000, inclusive of all options.

(c) No contracting officer or employee of the government may create or authorize an obligation in excess of the funds available, or in advance of appropriations (Anti-Deficiency Act, <https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/31/1341>), unless otherwise authorized by law.

(d) GSA employees must be appointed as a contracting officer, consistent with GSAM [501.603](#), and must have a Federal Acquisition Certification in Contracting (FAC-C) at Level III to award a contract using the CSO procedure in accordance with this part.

**Parent topic:** [Subpart 571.2 - Pilot Program](#)